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WORRIER

I'm alone  
(wife in city)  
worrying neighbors will  
invite me to dinner.  
Consider changing into  
bathrobe, swabbing throat  
with Mentholatum,  
but realize worry  
is pushing me  
into a lie,  
& if I've got  
any character  
I'll tell them (gently)  
I'm uncomfortable  
in their company &  
prefer to eat alone ...  
worry (as we all know)  
is an exercise  
in futility.  
They never called.

— Phil Weidman